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SUBJECT: PHYSICAL SECURITY RECOMMENDATIONS

FOR TARAPUR REPRO-

CESSING PLANT

REF: A) NEW DELHI 2734, B) 75 NEW DELHI 14367

1. THE EMBASSY STRONGLY SECONDS THE RECOMMENDATION IN REFTEL A THAT WE PROVIDE EXPEDITIOUSLY THE RECOMMENDATIONS OUR PHYSICAL SECURITY EXPERTS MAY HAVE FORMULATED DURING THEIR VISIT AT TARAPUR. SETHNA BELIEVES HE WAS PROMISED SUCH A REPORT, REFTEL A, IN ADDITION TO DOCUMENTS AND DESCRIPTIVE LITERATURE, SOME OF WHICH HAVE BEEN FURNISHED. IN A FEB. 10 LETTER (POUCHING COPY TO DEPARTMENT) TO CONSUL GENERAL BOMBAY, SETHNA STATED, "APART FROM PURSUING THE DESPATCH OF REMAINING INFORMATION, I WILL BE GRATEFUL IF YOU COULD ALSO ADVISE US OF THE STATUS OF THE VISITING TEAM'S OBSERVATIONS AND SUGGESTIONS FOLLOWING THEIR VISITS TO TARAPUR AND HYDERABAD. A PERUSAL OF THESE WILL ENABLE US TO DETERMINE THE NEXT STEP IN WHAT HAS RIGHTLY BEEN ENVISAGED AS AN ONGOING EXERCISE BETWEEN OUR TWO COUNTRIES."

2. WE UNDERSTAND THE PHYSICAL SECURITY TEAM DID NOT PLAN TO PREPARE A SEPARATE REPORT FOR SETHNA ON THEIR OBSERVATIONS, BUT MADE COMMENTS TO IAEC PEOPLE DURING THE COURSE OF THE

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VISIT. SETHNA, HOWEVER, IN HIS LETTER AND THE REPRESENTATION

TO CONSUL GENERAL COURTNEY, IS SPECIFICALLY ASKING FOR
WRITTEN RECOMMENDATIONS OF THE PHYSICAL SECURITY TEAM FOR THE
TARAPUR NUCLEAR FUEL REPROCESSING PLANT. IT IS PARTICULARLY
IMPORTANT THAT WE MAINTAIN A GOOD WORKING RELATIONSHIP WITH
SETHNA AT THE PRESENT TIME AND SO WE BELIEVE IT WORTH ANY
SPECIAL EFFORT WHICH MAY BE NECESSARY IN ORDER TO PROVIDE
HIM WITH WHAT HE REQUESTS.
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